

September 8, 2004

Ref: 2234-19988

Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
Post Office Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application  
Zwan Zone, Reservoir A  
SOUTHWEST GUEYDAN FIELD  
Vermilion Parish, Louisiana  
Applicant: The Meridian Resource & Exploration,  
LLC

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **The Meridian Resource & Exploration, LLC** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Zwan Zone, Reservoir A, Southwest Gueydan Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 430 acres for the Zwan Zone, Reservoir A, designated as the Zwan RA SUA, Southwest Gueydan Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said units;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The Zwan Zone, Reservoir A is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing Zone encountered between the measured depths of 12,048 feet and 12,178 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Cimarex Energy Company-

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Mauboules No. 2 Well, located in Section 8, Township 12 South, Range 2 West, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

In compliance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, a pre-application conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana on September 7, 2004. Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a list of the names and addresses of the parties who were in attendance at that conference.

The conference was opened by Mr. B. J. Duplantis. Mr. Jim Hardwick of Cutright & Hardwick presented the plan of applicant. Questions were asked and answered. It is anticipated that there will be no opposition at the public hearing on this matter.

Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

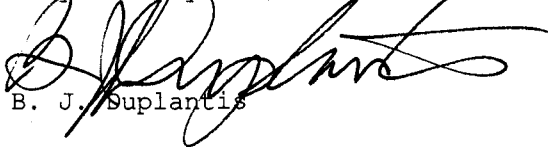
Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the Zwan RA SUA, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this pre-application notice. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Jim Hardwick, Cutright & Hardwick, P. O. Box 80972, Lafayette, Louisiana 70598 (337) 232-7756.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

  
B. J. Duplantis

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Attachments  
cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson  
District Manager, Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and  
Interested Parties and parties on attendance lists

